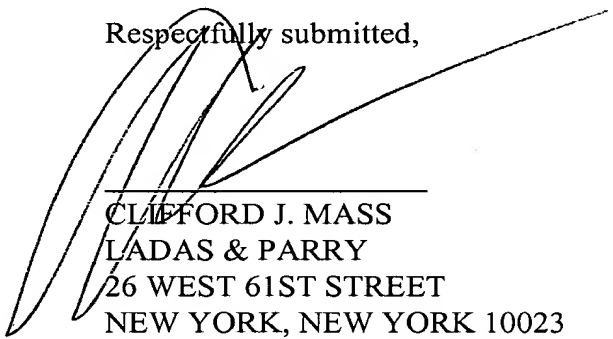


## REMARKS

The above amendatory action is requested to correct an informality in claim 1. The amendment is needed to correct a typographical error and to assure consistency in the term "polyuronic acid" as used throughout the claim. The amendment does not affect the scope of the claim or cause a significant amount of additional work on the part of the USPTO. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendment be entered under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312.

Respectfully submitted,



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